



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Minutes

TUESDAY

JANUARY 21, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Note: These minutes are action minutes only recording motions and votes. Video tapes of all meetings are available for review at the Town Office.

Attending:

Mayor Carol Duprey
Councilor William Shakespeare
Councilor Ivan McPike
Councilor Tom Brann
Town Clerk Denise Hodsdon
Sharon Newcomb
Allison Berube
Residents

Councilor David Ryder
Councilor Jean Lawlis
Councilor Greg Sirois
Town Manager Susan Lessard
Town Attorney Tom Russell
Rep. Brian Duprey
Superintendent Rick Lyons

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Mayor Duprey.
Councilor introductions followed as well as a statement by Mayor Duprey of the decorum expected at Council meetings.

Motion by Councilor Lawlis, seconded by Councilor Sirois to suspend the rules to add an item to the agenda. Unanimous vote in favor.

Motion by Councilor Lawlis, seconded by Councilor Sirois to add an item after the consent agenda for a Legislative Sentiment by Rep. Duprey to Superintendent Lyons. Unanimous vote in favor.

A. CONSENT AGENDA – A request by Mayor Duprey to set aside Item A-4-a for discussion. The balance of the consent agenda was accepted without objection.

1. SIGNATURES

2. SECRETARY'S REPORTS

a. September 16, 2013

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. City of Bangor Community Connector – Proposed Fare Increase**
- b. Peter Weatherbee – Application for Re-appointment to Planning Board – Referral to Planning & Development Committee**
- c. Eugene Weldon – Application for Re-appointment to Planning Board – Referral to Planning & Development Committee**
- d. Julie Johnston – Application for Re-appointment to Board of Appeals – Referral to Finance & Administration Committee**

4. REPORTS

- a. Monthly Department Reports – December 2013 – **Mayor Duprey questioned the large amount of overtime in Public Works and asked that this subject be put on the next Infrastructure Committee agenda. This item was then accepted without objection.**
- b. Services Committee Minutes – 1/13/2014
- c. Edythe Dyer Library Board Minutes – 11/13/2013
- d. Lura Hoit Pool Board Minutes – 12/10/2013
- e. Bangor Humane Society – Stray Animal Report – December 2013

Legislative Sentiment Presentation to RSU #22 Superintendent Rick Lyons from Representative Brian Duprey. Rep. Duprey presented a Legislative Sentiment to Superintendent Lyons in recognition of his receipt of the Alice Duckworth Award. Superintendent Lyons then updated the Council on recent positive awards received by RSU Board members, staff and students.

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS – **Public comments were received from Terry McAvoy, 59 Monroe Road, Jeremy Williams, 1334 Carmel Road North, and Lisa Carter, 1088 Western Avenue.**

C. POLICY AGENDA

1. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

- a. Services Committee Recommendations re Committee Reappointments:
 1. John Skehan – Dyer Library Board of Trustees – **Motion by Councilor Lawlis, seconded by Councilor Shakespeare to reappoint John Skehan to the Library Board. Unanimous vote in favor.**
 2. Ruth Stearns – Dyer Library Board of Trustees – **Motion by Councilor Lawlis, seconded by Councilor Shakespeare to reappoint Ruth Stearns to the Library Board of Trustees. Unanimous vote in favor.**

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Presentation of Key to the Town for Richard Newcomb – **Resident Allison Berube gave a brief history of the contributions of Richard Newcomb to the maintenance of historical records and information for the Town of Hampden. Councilor Shakespeare gave further acknowledgement of the critical role Mr. Newcomb has made in helping to preserve Hampden's history and presented a key to the Town and a certificate of recognition to**

Mrs. Newcomb who was attending to accept the award due to Richard Newcomb's illness.

- b. Pledge of Allegiance – Addition to Council Rules #9, before Consent Agenda – ***Motion by Councilor McPike, seconded by Councilor Sirois to add the Pledge of Allegiance to Council Rules #9. A roll call vote was as follows – Sirois – Yes, McPike – Yes, Ryder – Yes, Duprey – Yes, Brann – No, Lawlis – Yes, Shakespeare – No. Motion carried. Public comment on this item was received from residents Lisa Carter, Jeremy Williams, and Jeremy Jones.***

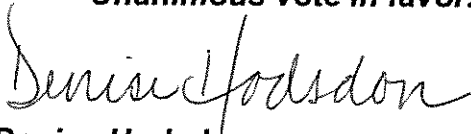
4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Application for Renewal of Liquor License received from Wang & Lo, Inc. d/b/a Fresh Ginger Restaurant at 64 Main Road North – ***Motion by Councilor Ryder, seconded by Councilor McPike to approve the Liquor License from Wang & Lo, Inc. d/b/a Fresh Ginger Restaurant at 64 Main Road North. Unanimous vote in favor.***
- b. Town Redistricting Process – Discussion/Decision – ***Motion by Councilor Sirois, seconded by Councilor McPike to create a committee appointed by the Mayor composed of Councilors and residents and the Town Clerk. Unanimous vote in favor. Public comment on this item was received from residents Terry McAvoy, Cindy Philbrick, and Jeremy Williams.***

- D. COMMITTEE REPORTS – ***Councilor Lawlis reported that the Services Committee discussed parks, committee nominees and the pool and Skehan Center. The Manager reported that the next newsletter is going to the printer at the end of the week. Councilor Sirois reported that Planning & Development had two items to discuss – timber harvesting in the shoreland zone and open space requirements. Mayor Duprey reported that the Finance & Administration Committee tabled the council rules discussion and discussed Kids Korner rules for employees and the Real Heroes breakfast.***
- E. MANAGER'S REPORT – ***The Manager's Report is attached hereto and made part of the minutes. In addition to the report the Manager provided information on a YouTube site that the Town has established, asked if there was going to be conflicts for any councilor to attend the second meeting in February, and asked the Council if they would grant permission for her to testify at the legislative hearing to be held on the impact of proposed revenue sharing cuts. Motion by Councilor Lawlis, seconded by Councilor Sirois to authorize the Town Manager to testify at the legislative hearing regarding the impact to Hampden of proposed revenue sharing cuts by the State of Maine. Unanimous vote in favor.***
- F. COUNCILORS' COMMENTS – ***Councilor Shakespeare commended the fire department for its response to the Route 1A house fire, and reminded residents that complaints regarding the transfer station should be made to the Town Manager and not to staff at the facility itself. Councilor Lawlis reminded people***

to check on their neighbors. Mayor Duprey reminded councilors to bring ideas and strategies to the goals and objectives meeting that is being held on February 8th. She also stated that she would be attending a meeting about Agenda 21 that is being held by a group in the Community Room.

- G. ***ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Councilor Sirois, seconded by Councilor Lawlis to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. in honor and lasting memory of all fallen war heroes. Unanimous vote in favor.***

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Denise Hodsdon".

**Denise Hodsdon
Town Clerk**

MANAGER'S REPORT
Tuesday, January 21, 2014

Retirement – Fire Lieutenant Frank Coombs has announced his upcoming retirement from the Town of Hampden. He has worked full time for the Town for 31 years and was a call fire fighter for Hampden and Belfast departments for ten years prior to that. His retirement date is May 1, 2014.

Cascade Fill System Installed – The Cascade fill system for the Scott Air Packs has been installed and is now operational. The system was paid for with a grant written by firefighter Jason Lundstrom.

Ambulance Repainted – The Town's newest ambulance will be repainted in April by the vendor who sold us the vehicle. They will also provide a loaner while ours is out – and there is no cost to the Town for the loaner or the paint job.

Public Safety Employee of the Year – The Public Safety department has named officer William Miller as Public Safety Employee of the Year. Officer Miller does an outstanding job of coordinating activities between Police and Fire in order to help keep the combined departments functioning smoothly.

Lifesaving Award of the Year – At the Public Safety Department awards on January 18th, FF/paramedics Jared Lebares, Shawn McNally, and Dan Pugsley received the Lifesaving award of the year for saving the life of Robert Bingham who had suffered a heart attack in September of 2013.

Revenue Sharing – There is a legislative hearing on January 22nd in Augusta in regard to the potential loss of additional revenue sharing. The Maine Municipal Association has asked as many Towns as possible to testify at that hearing in regard to the impact of such a loss on community budgets. Does the Council wish me to attend this hearing and testify? The proposed reduction would be an additional \$230,519 over and above the \$28,815 we were expecting to lose over last year. Last year we lost \$196,355 over the prior year. The total reduction from 2012 would be \$455,689 if the additional proposed reduction moves forward.